

REMARKS

Applicants herein request further amendment to the claims following entry of the Examiner's Amendment dated June 1, 2010 and following entry of a Second Examiner's Amendment as set forth in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated June 10, 2010.

Claim 1 is amended to delete the “,” between “niobium, not containing silicon nitride” so as to be consistent with claims 22 and 31. Claim 10 is similarly amended.

The amendment to claims 22 and 31 as set forth in the Supplemental to Notice of Allowability dated June 10, 2010 is correct, except that “the in-pore” replaced with --an in-pore-- is at line 5 of each of these claims (not at line 3).

There is no change in claim scope. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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